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SUBJECT: COFFEE PRICES

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1. PUBLIC CONCERN CONTINUES TO MOUNT AS THE PRICE FOR GREEN COFFEE APPROACHES \$2.00 A POUND. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL HEARING TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSES FOR THE UNPRECEDENTED PRICE INCREASES.

HEARINGS IN THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION FOR
THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT ARE ALSO IN THE
OFFING. THE DEPARTMENT WILL TESTIFY.

2. TO PREPARE FOR THESE HEARINGS AND FOR THE MANY IN-
QUIRES WE ARE RECEIVING, THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS AN UPDATE
TO RESPONSES TO THE REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY, INFORMATION
IS NEEDED ON: A) THE CURRENT INTERNAL RETAIL PRICE OF
COFFEE IN DOLLARS PER POUND. B) CURRENT DOLLAR PRICES
PAID BY DOMESTIC ROASTERS OR PROCESSORS. C) CURRENT LEVELS
OF EXPORT TAXES, MINIMUM EXPORT PRICES, RETENTION REQUIRE-
MENTS AND ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT MEASURES THAT ENCOURAGE OR
RESTRICT EXPORTS. D) CURRENT PRICES PAID TO COFFEE PRO-
DUCERS. E) ANY NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS SINCE REPLIES TO

REFTEL TO ENCOURAGE COFFEE PRODUCTION, SUCH AS EASIER
ACCESS TO CREDIT, FERTILIZERS, OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND RECENT REPORTING ON THESE
TOPICS MOST USEFUL. WE REALIZE THAT DUE TO HOLIDAYS
POSTS MAY ENCOUNTER SOME DELAY IN OBTAINING INFO REQUESTED
BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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